

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report**

Case Number:

1000-0494

Case Title:

Cooke Aquaculture Fish Farm Release

Subject of Report:

2018-04-24 Phone Interview of [REDACTED], Culbertson Marine Employee

Reporting Office:

Seattle, WA, Area Office

Activity Date:

April 24, 2018

Reporting Official and Date:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

27-APR-2018, Signed by: [REDACTED]

Approving Official and Date:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
30-APR-2018, Approved by: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

SYNOPSIS

On April 24, 2018, [REDACTED] conducted a phone interview [REDACTED], an equipment operator for Culbertson Marine in Anacortes, Washington.

DETAILS

On April 24, 2018, I conducted a phone interview [REDACTED], an equipment operator for Culbertson Marine in Anacortes, Washington. After being notified of the nature of the interview and the identity of the interviewing agent, [REDACTED], in substance, provided the following information:

BACKGROUND:

He is a heavy equipment operator for Culbertson Marine in Anacortes, Washington and was present during the August incident involving Cooke Aquaculture's Net Pen #2. He assisted in the recovery of Net Pen #2, operating a 150-ton barge crane for Culbertson Marine.

PROCESSES:

He was involved in removing Net Pen #2 and its remnants from the water near Cypress Island, Washington. He split time working with [REDACTED] on removal of the equipment. His crane was placed on a large barge in the approximate former location of where Net Pen #2 was located, so he could lift out various pieces as divers cut sections loose.

All the recorded weights of Net Pen #2's nets were taken onshore. [REDACTED] was the main person involved in the weighing of the net pen's nets, as [REDACTED] was stationed on the dock in Anacortes, Washington.

He believes there were several Culbertson employees were involved in the July 2017 Net Pen #2 incident including [REDACTED] and "[REDACTED]" who are twin brothers. He was not involved in the July incident with Net Pen #2.

Agent Note: At the end of the interview, [REDACTED] advised that he had several pictures on his phone from the

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August recovery that he would share with this investigation.

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